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1. Rolando Masferrer, Representative in the Cuban Congress and Chief of the Movimiento Socialista Revolucionario (MSR), has been devoting a considerable amount of his time in an effort to effect the release of Mario Salabarría from prison. [REDACTED] Comment. Salabarría is now serving a thirty-year sentence for his part in the intra-police killings which took place on 15 September 1947 in Marianao, Habana, Cuba.)
2. Masferrer has been able to enlist the aid of Alonso Pujol, Vice President of Cuba, and General Genevevo Perez Damera, Chief of Staff of the Cuban Army. [REDACTED] Comment. This is an unusual combination; however, Masferrer, in the course of the last few months, has developed a friendship with General Perez Damera. At the present time the General is supplying military personnel to act as bodyguards for Masferrer.)
3. General Genevevo Perez Damera, who was responsible for the incarceration and conviction of Salabarría, has promised to obtain the release of Salabarría. However, the General's cooperation is not so certain today, according to the source, as it was a few weeks ago.
4. Masferrer, on one of his frequent trips to see Senator Jose Manuel Aleman in Miami, brought up the subject of the release of Salabarría from the penitentiary. [REDACTED] Comment. Salabarría was one of Aleman's henchmen.) When Masferrer brought up the subject of money, Aleman disclaimed interest in the affair. Furthermore, General Perez Damera and Aleman are vitally opposed to one another.
5. As a result of the combination of Masferrer, Pujol, and Perez, a new hearing for Salabarría was scheduled for 8 December 1948. However, it is expected that the matter will be continued for a matter of about ten days. If, as a result of the new hearing, Salabarría is not released, Masferrer will approach President Prio Socarras. He will inform Prio that unless Salabarría is released in some manner, trouble will follow. [REDACTED] Comment. President Prio also promised to assist in obtaining the release of Salabarría from the penitentiary. However, Prio recently has assumed a vacillating attitude.)
6. According to source, the trouble will take the following form. Friends of Salabarría will kill Justo Fuentes, a student leader of the Federacion Estudiantil Universitaria and a member of the Union Insurreccional Revolucionaria

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(UIR). Fuentes is selected because of the enormous agitation which is bound to result at the University if Fuentes is killed. The second target will be Miguel Suarez Fernandez, President of the Senate and leading Autentico politician. This, of course, will stir up the leading politicians in the country. The third target will be Ruben de Leon, because he is the Minister of the Interior and in a sense responsible for the release of Salabarría. In addition, Leon has recently been providing licenses so that members of the UIR could legally carry arms. In addition, he has been providing "subehanes" to members of the same revolutionary groups, who are the enemies of Salabarría.

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